

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-228

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL MEDI-CAL STUFFER ON THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

REFERENCE:

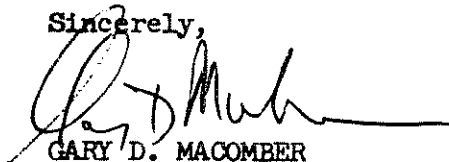
Enclosed is a copy of information being sent to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries, except Title XVI recipients, informing them of the purpose and requirements of the Food Stamp Program. The stuffer, printed in both English and Spanish, will be mailed as an enclosure with the November 1975 main Medi-Cal cards. In addition to mailing stuffers with Medi-Cal cards, notices will be mailed to persons in prepaid health plans (except Title XVI).

This is another of the State's outreach projects to inform low income households of the availability and benefits of the Food Stamp Program as required by the Federal Government. As a result of this project, you may experience an increase in the number of program inquiries and applications.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Dave Watanabe at (916) 322-4403.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


GARY D. MACOMBER
Deputy Director

cc: FNS, USDA
CWDA

Enclosure

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NOTICE: FOOD STAMPS - YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE

Food stamps are for low income people who cannot afford to buy enough food. Anyone who is eligible can get them regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, or political belief. Food stamps cannot be used for nonfood items, or be exchanged for money.

To be eligible you must have county residency and have cooking facilities in your home. Individuals, families or unrelated persons living together as an economic unit may be required to register for work.

You and persons living with you may not have more than a total of \$1,500 in assets, including cash savings, bank and checking accounts, U. S. Savings Bonds, stocks and bonds. You may have total assets of \$3,000 if at least one person aged 60 or older lives with you and applies for food stamps with you. Assets do not include the value of your house, lot, car, life insurance, household goods or personal belongings. Total income minus certain deductions such as taxes, medical costs, and certain child care and housing costs must be within income limits set by the federal government.

To apply for benefits call or go to your county welfare office and ask for an application. Be sure to take papers such as recent wage stubs, earnings and deduction statements, educational grant award letters, Social Security or Veterans award letters, and self-employment bookkeeping records showing your income and income of each person you live with. Take a list showing how much you and the persons you live with pay for rent. If you cannot apply yourself because of work, health, specific transportation problems, a responsible person may apply for you.

If you need food immediately, ask to talk with a county eligibility worker right away.

The amount and price of food stamps for your household depends on how many people you live with, how much you earn, and how many allowable income deductions you have.

Further information can be obtained from your county welfare office listed in the phone book under the county name.